

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 853, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF WISCONSIN**

At the end of title VI, add the following new subtitle:

**1 Subtitle C—Spending
2 Accountability Lock-box**

3 SEC. 631. SHORT TITLE.

4 This subtitle may be cited as the “Spending Account-
5 ability Lock-box Act of 1999”.

6 SEC. 632. SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY LOCK-BOX LEDGER.

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF LEDGER.—Title III of the
8 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (as amended by sec-
9 tions 104(c) and 206(a)) is further amended by adding
10 after section 317 the following new section:

11 “SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY LOCK-BOX LEDGER

12 “SEC. 318. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF LEDGER.—The
13 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House
14 of Representatives and the chairman on the Committee
15 on the Budget of the Senate shall each maintain a ledger
16 to be known as the ‘Spending Accountability Lock-box
17 Ledger’. The Ledger shall be divided into entries cor-
18 responding to the subcommittees of the Committees on
19 Appropriations. Each entry shall consist of three compo-
20 nents: the ‘House Lock-box Balance’; the ‘Senate Lock-

1 box Balance'; and the 'Joint House-Senate Lock-box Bal-
2 ance'.

3 “(b) COMPONENTS OF LEDGER.—Each component in
4 an entry shall consist only of amounts credited to it under
5 subsection (c). No entry of a negative amount shall be
6 made.

7 “(c) CREDIT OF AMOUNTS TO LEDGER.—(1) In the
8 House of Representatives or the Senate, whenever a Mem-
9 ber offers an amendment to an appropriation bill to reduce
10 new budget authority in any account, that Member may
11 state the portion of such reduction that shall be—

12 “(A) credited to the House or Senate Lock-box
13 Balance, as applicable; or

14 “(B) used to offset an increase in new budget
15 authority in any other account;

16 “(C) allowed to remain within the applicable
17 section 302(b) suballocation.

18 If no such statement is made, the amount of reduction
19 in new budget authority resulting from the amendment
20 shall be credited to the House or Senate Lock-box Bal-
21 ance, as applicable, if the amendment is agreed to.

22 “(2)(A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B), the
23 chairmen of the Committees on the Budget shall, upon
24 the engrossment of any appropriation bill by the House
25 of Representatives and upon the engrossment of Senate

1 amendments to that bill, credit to the applicable entry bal-
2 ance of that House amounts of new budget authority and
3 outlays equal to the net amounts of reductions in new
4 budget authority and in outlays resulting from amend-
5 ments agreed to by that House to that bill.

6 “(B) When computing the net amounts of reductions
7 in new budget authority and in outlays resulting from
8 amendments agreed to by the House of Representatives
9 or the Senate to an appropriation bill, the chairmen of
10 the Committees on the Budget shall only count those por-
11 tions of such amendments agreed to that were so des-
12 ignated by the Members offering such amendments as
13 amounts to be credited to the House or Senate Lock-box
14 Balance, as applicable, or that fall within the last sentence
15 of paragraph (1).

16 “(3) The chairmen of the Committees on the Budget
17 shall, upon the engrossment of Senate amendments to any
18 appropriation bill, credit to the applicable Joint House-
19 Senate Lock-box Balance the amounts of new budget au-
20 thority and outlays equal to—

21 “(A) an amount equal to one-half of the sum of
22 (i) the amount of new budget authority in the House
23 Lock-box Balance plus (ii) the amount of new budg-
24 et authority in the Senate Lock-box Balance for that
25 subcommittee; and

1 “(B) an amount equal to one-half of the sum
2 of (i) the amount of outlays in the House Lock-box
3 Balance plus (ii) the amount of outlays in the Sen-
4 ate Lock-box Balance for that subcommittee.

5 “(4) CALCULATION OF LOCK-BOX SAVINGS IN SEN-
6 ATE.—For purposes of calculating under this section the
7 net amounts of reductions in new budget authority and
8 in outlays resulting from amendments agreed to by the
9 Senate on an appropriation bill, the amendments reported
10 to the Senate by its Committee on Appropriations shall
11 be considered to be part of the original text of the bill.

12 “(d) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term
13 ‘appropriation bill’ means any general or special appro-
14 priation bill, and any bill or joint resolution making sup-
15 plemental, deficiency, or continuing appropriations
16 through the end of a fiscal year.

17 “(e) TALLY DURING HOUSE CONSIDERATION.—The
18 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House
19 of Representatives shall maintain a running tally of the
20 amendments adopted reflecting increases and decreases of
21 budget authority in the bill as reported. This tally shall
22 be available to Members in the House of Representatives
23 during consideration of any appropriations bill by the
24 House.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
2 tents set forth in section 1(b) of the Congressional Budget
3 and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 is amended by in-
4 serting after the item relating to section 317 the following
5 new item:

“Sec. 318. Spending accountability lock-box ledger.”.

6 **SEC. 633. DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF SECTION 302(a) AL-**
7 **LOCATIONS AND SECTION 302(b) SUBALLOCA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 (a) ALLOCATIONS.—Section 302(a) of the Congres-
10 sional Budget Act of 1974 (as amended by section 422)
11 is further amended by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(6) ADJUSTMENT OF ALLOCATIONS.—Upon
14 the engrossment of Senate amendments to any ap-
15 propriation bill (as defined in section 318(d)) for a
16 fiscal year, the amounts allocated under paragraph
17 (1) to the Committee on Appropriations of each
18 House upon the adoption of the most recent joint
19 resolution on the budget for that fiscal year shall be
20 adjusted downward by the amounts credited to the
21 applicable Joint House-Senate Lock-box Balance
22 under section 318(c)(2). The revised levels of new
23 budget authority and outlays shall be submitted to
24 each House by the chairman of the Committee on

1 the Budget of that House and shall be printed in the
2 Congressional Record.”.

3 (b) SUBALLOCATIONS.—Section 302(b) of the Con-
4 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new sentence: “Whenever an adjust-
6 ment is made under subsection (a)(6) to an allocation
7 under that subsection, the Committee on Appropriations
8 of each House shall make downward adjustments in the
9 most recent suballocations of new budget authority and
10 outlays under this subparagraph to the appropriate sub-
11 committees of that committee in the total amounts of
12 those adjustments under section 318(c)(2). The revised
13 suballocations shall be submitted to each House by the
14 chairman of the Committee on Appropriations of that
15 House and shall be printed in the Congressional Record.”.

16 **SEC. 634. PERIODIC REPORTING OF LEDGER STATEMENTS.**

17 Section 308(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act
18 of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following
19 new sentence: “Such reports shall also include an up-to-
20 date tabulation of the amounts contained in the ledger and
21 each entry established by section 318(a).”.

22 **SEC. 635. DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF DISCRETIONARY**
23 **SPENDING LIMITS.**

24 The discretionary spending limits for new budget au-
25 thority and outlays for any fiscal year set forth in section

1 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
2 Control Act of 1985, shall be reduced by the amounts set
3 forth in the final regular appropriation bill for that fiscal
4 year or joint resolution making continuing appropriations
5 through the end of that fiscal year. Those amounts shall
6 be the sums of the Joint House-Senate Lock-box Balances
7 for that fiscal year, as calculated under section 302(a)(6)
8 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. That bill or joint
9 resolution shall contain the following statement of law:
10 “As required by section 635 of the Spending Account-
11 ability Lock-box Act of 1999, for fiscal year [insert appro-
12 priate fiscal year] and each outyear, the adjusted discre-
13 tionary spending limit for new budget authority is reduced
14 by \$ [insert appropriate amount of reduction] and the ad-
15 justed discretionary limit for outlays is reduced by \$ [in-
16 sert appropriate amount of reduction] for the fiscal year
17 and each outyear.”. Section 306 shall not apply to any
18 bill or joint resolution because of such statement. This ad-
19 justment shall be reflected in reports under sections 254(f)
20 and 254(g) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-
21 icit Control Act of 1985.